

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) ~~In a~~ A starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom, wherein~~ comprising optionally modified starch ~~is combined with redispersible powder of at least one polymer additive, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymer additive, a polymer stabilized with protective colloid(s) and/or emulsifier(s), said polymer comprising one or more comonomer units selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters of straight-chain and branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, acrylates and methacrylates of branched and straight-chain alcohols having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, dienes, olefins, vinylaromatics and vinyl halides, said polymers optionally also containing and further comprising from 0.1 to 20.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the polymer, of at least one functional comonomer unit selected from the group consisting of carboxyl-, hydroxyl-, epoxy- and NH-functional[.,.] ethylenically unsaturated comonomers, and hydroxyalkyl methacrylates and hydroxyalkyl methacrylates having wherein the alkyl moiety of the hydroxyalkyl group is a C₁- to C₈-alkyl radical, and optionally, olefin comonomer(s), the data in % by weight being based on the total weight of the polymer wherein the redispersible powder of the at least one polymer is provided in an amount of from 5 to 60% by weight based on the total weight of the starch.~~

21. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom of claim 1, of claim 20~~ wherein ~~polymers comprising the~~ one or more comonomer units are selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters of straight-chain or branched carboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms ~~are used~~.

22. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 20, wherein the at least one functional comonomer includes N-alkylol-functional comonomer units having a C₁- to C₄-alkylol radical ~~are contained~~.

23. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 20, wherein ~~one or more~~ the at least one functional comonomer units derived from is selected from the group consisting of N-methylolacrylamide (NMA), N-methylolmethacrylamide, N-methylolallylcarbamate, C₁- to C₄-alkyl ethers of N-methylolacrylamide, N-methylolmethacrylamide and N-methylolallylcarbamate, and C₁- to C₄-alkyl esters ~~of~~ N-methylolacrylamide, ~~of~~ N-methylolmethacrylamide and ~~of~~ N-methylolallylcarbamate ~~are employed~~.

24. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 20, wherein the ~~polymers are~~ polymer is vinyl acetate polymer[[s]], vinyl acetate/ethylene copolymer[[s]], vinyl acetate/ethylene/vinyl chloride copolymer[[s]] or vinyl ester/acrylate copolymer[[s]], each further containing said functional comonomer.

25. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 20, wherein the ~~polymers have~~ polymer has a glass transition temperature of from -30°C to +120°C.

26. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 20, wherein the ~~amount of~~ protective ~~colloid is~~ colloid(s) are provided in an amount of from 1 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the polymer.

27. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 20, wherein the ~~one or more~~ protective ~~colloids~~ colloid(s) are selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols, polyvinyl acetals, polyvinylpyrrolidones, celluloses, cellulose derivatives, poly(meth)acrylic acid, copolymers of (meth)acrylates with carboxy-functional comonomer units, poly(meth)acrylamide, polyvinylsulfonic acids and copolymers thereof, melamineformaldehydesulfonates, naphthaleneformaldehydesulfonates, styrene/maleic acid copolymers and vinyl ether/maleic acid copolymers, starch and dextrins ~~are contained as the protective colloid~~.

28. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 27, wherein the protective colloids are polyvinyl alcohols having a degree of hydrolysis of from 85 to 94 mol% and a Höppler viscosity, in 4% strength aqueous solution, of from 3 to 15 mPa·s at 20°C according to DIN 53015 ~~are contained as the protective colloid.~~

29. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 20, wherein the optionally modified starch is ~~used~~ in natural form, as destructured starch, as chemically modified starch, or a mixture thereof.

30. (Currently amended) The starch molding composition ~~or molding prepared therefrom~~ of claim 20, ~~which~~ is an adhesive.

31. (Currently amended) A starch molding of claim 20, prepared by a molding process of extrusion, extrusion blow molding, foam extrusion, injection molding, calendering or thermoforming.

32. (Currently amended) The starch molding of claim 31, ~~wherein the starch composition further comprises an additional~~ comprising binder ~~comprising~~ biodegradable polyester as a binder.

33. (Currently amended) The starch molding of claim 31, ~~wherein the starch composition further comprises~~ comprising cellulose fractions in the form of wood particles, wood fibers and woodmeal.

34. (Currently amended) The starch molding of claim 31, ~~wherein said molding is~~ provided as a rotable molding.

35. (Currently amended) The starch molding of claim 31, ~~which is~~ provided as a rotable film.

36. (Currently amended) A process for producing a starch molding composition of claim 20, comprising:

providing starch, mixing said at least one polymer with said starch, and molding at a temperature of from 70°C to 150°C.

37. (Previously presented) The process of claim 36, wherein water is present prior to molding.

38. (Previously presented) The process of claim 36, wherein a wood product selected from the group consisting of wood particles, wood fibers, wood meal, and mixtures thereof are present prior to molding.

39. (New) A starch molded article comprising optionally modified starch combined with redispersible powder of at least one polymer stabilized with protective colloid(s) and/or emulsifier(s), said polymer comprising one or more comonomer units selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters of straight-chain and branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, acrylates and methacrylates of branched and straight-chain alcohols having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, dienes, vinylaromatics and vinyl halides, and further comprising from 0.1 to 20.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the polymer, of at least one functional N-methylol comonomer, wherein the redispersible powder of the at least one polymer is provided in an amount of from 5 to 60% by weight based on the total weight of the starch.